THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) The Committee has recommended the constitution of an independent Broadcast Regulator. The Committee has also suggested that pending creation of a Regulator, a non-statutory committee be set up which has terms of reference similar to what the Regulator would have.

(b) The report of the Committee would be examined and appropriate decision would be taken thereon.

(c) The executive summary of the recommendations made by the committee is available on the Ministry's website (http/www.mib.nic.in).

Interest of consumers under CAS

593. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have shelved the Conditional Access System;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that in the absence of any clear-cut directions the cable operators are exploiting the consumers; and

(d) the steps taken to protect the interest of consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No such instance of exploitation has come to the notice of the Government. However, adequate safeguards have been provided under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and the Rules framed thereunder.

Film Broadcasting Policy

†594. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan proposes to modify the Film Broadcasting Policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that Doordarshan telecasts two type of films, *viz.* commercial ,and award winning films. As far as commercial films are concerned, the normal practice has been to telecast these on a sponsorship basis, with the films being supplied on a minimum guarantee, ensured by a party, selected through a tender process. Currently, Doordarshan is acquiring these commercial films on royalty basis through NFDC and marketing these on their own. Regarding Award winning films, Prasar Bharati has informed that due to resource constraint, it has been decided to telecast award winning films of various languages, which have won only Swarn Kamal and Rajat Kamal awards, on National Network. For the award winning films in regional languages which have not won Swarn Kamal and Rajat Kamal but may have won other awards of State Governments, the new scheme envisages to telecast them on regional language satelite channels, subject to availability of funds.

DTH Licence to ASC Enterprises Ltd.

595. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Set Top Box (STB) provided as Dish TV, a Unit of ASC Enterprises Limited is inter-operable and in compliance with the specification laid down by Government through Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS); and

(b) if not, the reasons for not canceling DTH licence to ASC Enterprises Limited and imposing a penaly of Rs. 50 crore as provided in the guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The matter is under examination in this Ministry.

Electoral Reforms

†596. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to make certain changes and amendments in election system;

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